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Video Content Creator | Digital Media Strategist

Creative video producer with a background in military leadership, specializing in drone cinematography, digital media strategy, and immersive storytelling. Experienced in crafting multimedia content that engages audiences through compelling narratives. Strong expertise in risk management, investigative analysis, and project leadership gained from over 20 years in military service. Adept at utilizing Adobe Creative Suite, OBS Studio, and Content Management Systems.

Core Competencies

- Storytelling
- Video Production
- Video Editing
- Drone Videography
- Project Management
- Team Leadership
- Scriptwriting
- Audio Production
- Livestream & Broadcast Production

Key Accomplishments

- **Commanded a Military Police (MP) unit in Afghanistan, leading criminal and accident investigations:** Successfully managed and led complex investigations, enhancing security protocols.
- **Delivered advanced training programs to over 3,000 personnel, including high-ranking officials:** Developed and implemented training modules that significantly improved operational readiness.
- **Strategically planned and executed over 350 high-risk security missions in hostile environments:** Ensured mission success with zero casualties, demonstrating exceptional crisis management and operational planning skills.
- **Recognized with 2 Bronze Star medals:** for exemplary leadership and performance in combat operations during Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Professional Experience

Freelance Content Creator | Henderson, NV

Content Production Specialist | 2020 - Present

- Designed and executed outdoor adventure video series, highlighting unique landscapes and activities.
- Integrated drone videography and ground footage to produce dynamic, engaging content.
- Collaborated with local businesses and community groups to showcase featured locations.
- Gained hands-on experience in video editing, post-production, and content strategy.

U.S Army | Various Locations (US and international)

1993 - 2018

Positions Held

- Criminal Investigator
- Master Recruiter
- Safety Officer
- Accident Reconstructionist
- Recruitment Center Manager
- First Sergeant
- Operations Manager
- Project Manager
- Platoon Sergeant

EDUCATION

- **Academy of Art Univ, San Francisco, CA, BA** in Communication and Media Technology, Expected May 2025
- **University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, BS** in Criminal Justice, August 2001

Training & Certifications

- FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot Certification
- Full Stack Development Certificate – San Diego Global Knowledge University

Technical Skills

- Adobe Creative Suite (Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator)
- OBS Studio | Content Management Systems (CMS)
- Visual Studio Code | Video & Audio Editing Tools
- Drone Cinematography & Post-Production Techniques